

Docket No.: 4600-0112PUS1
(PATENT)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Patent Application of:
Keita SHIBADE et al.

Application No.: 10/532,423

Confirmation No.: 1788

Filed: April 22, 2005

Art Unit: N/A

For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
USEFUL PRODUCTS BY MEANS OF
DECOMPOSITION OF PLASTICS BY
MICROORGANISMS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

MS PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated August 12, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits:

- Attached is a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements (371 Formalities Letter).
- Attached is the Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney Original Photocopy.
- The specification attached to the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney is a true copy of the specification that was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 22, 2005, including any amendments thereto (if applicable) filed on even date therewith.
- The undersigned hereby declares that "Attorney Docket No. 4600-0112PUS1" on page 1 of the attached Inventors' Declaration corresponds to Appl. No.10/532,423 filed

April 22, 2005 entitled "METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF USEFUL PRODUCTS BY MEANS OF DECOMPOSITION OF PLASTICS BY MICROORGANISMS."

- Attached is an English language translation of the above-identified application that was filed in a foreign language, which should be used as the copy for examination purposes.
 - See the attached Translator's Verification; or
 - The undersigned states that the English translation attached hereto is a true and correct translation of the application as originally filed in a foreign language.
- Attached are 17 sheet(s) of drawings. Please substitute these replacement drawings for the corresponding drawings on file in the above-identified application.
- Attached are substitute claims commencing on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(h).
- Attached is a substitute abstract commencing on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b).
- Attached is a substitute specification that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52. The substitute specification does not contain new matter.
- Attached is a preliminary amendment.
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- Attached is a Supplemental Application Data Sheet (ADS).
- Submitted concurrently herewith under separate cover for recording is an Assignment.
- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

- The Government Filing Surcharge for late filing of oath and/or declaration in the amount of \$130.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.494 and 1.492 was previously paid for concurrently with the filing of the application on April 22, 2005.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: October 12, 2005

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/22/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/22/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 04/22/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/22/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/22/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/22/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 04/22/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** for English translation surcharge required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET **TH** ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
10/532,423	PCT/JP03/11861	4600-0112PUS1

FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no person are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Effective on 12/08/2004.
Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

FEE TRANSMITTAL
For FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT	(\$) 130.00	Attorney Docket No.	4600-0112PUS1
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Complete if Known

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First Named Inventor	Keietsu ABE
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please identify): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Deposit Account		Deposit Account Number: 02-2448		Deposit Account Name: Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below	<input type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayments

FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>		<u>SEARCH FEES</u>		<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>		<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)		50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)		200	100
Multiple dependent claims		360	180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>
20	- 20 =	x	=	

<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	
3	- 3 =	x	=	

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

<u>Total Sheets</u>	<u>Extra Sheets</u>	<u>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1051 Surcharge-Late oath or declaration

130.00

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